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will be ready for occupation early in 1113. The aggregate provision under this scheme in the budget for the next year amounts to Rs 1,18,700.

The question regarding the contribution to be recovered from the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, on account of the Willingdon Water Works, etc., was considered in consultation with the Municipality and the following arrangements have been ordered:—

(i) that for the years 1111 and 1112 the annual contribution to be paid by the Municipality be fixed at Rs 75,000.

(ii) that for the years 1113, 1114 and 1115, the annual contribution be fixed at Rs 82,500, Rs 90,000 and Rs 1 lakh respectively, and

(iii) that the position be reviewed in the middle of 1115 and the amount of contribution for 1116 onwards fixed.

These arrangements have been given effect to in the revised estimates of 1112 and the budget estimates for 1113.

35. *Water Supply Schemes to Mofussil Towns.*—Estimates amounting to Rs 16·85 lakhs, Rs 10·80 lakhs and Rs 3·03 lakhs were sanctioned for the Water Supply Schemes to the Municipal Towns of Nagercoil, Alleppey and Shencottah respectively. The three Municipal Councils have agreed to the following arrangements:—

The entire cost of the schemes till their inauguration shall in the first instance be met by Government, of which one-half shall be borne by the Councils, the other half being considered as a grant in favour of the Councils; the Councils' share of the cost of the schemes will be considered as a loan advanced by Government to the Councils for purposes of the Water Supply Schemes; the loan shall bear interest at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum and shall be repaid by the Councils in thirty five equal annual instalments and the schemes shall be worked by the Councils at their own cost from the date of inauguration of the Water Supply.

Contracts for the supply of pipes and specials have been arranged, and these materials are expected to begin to arrive in October next. The Land Revenue Department is engaged in land acquisition proceedings for the lands required for the three projects. As soon as the lands are acquired and handed over to the Water Works Department, the construction of the projects will be proceeded with vigorously.

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The following provisions have been included in the budget estimates for 1113:—

Water Supply to Nagercoil Town	...	Rs 7·42 lakhs.
Water Supply to Alleppey Town	...	,, 6·00 ,,
Water Supply to Shencottah Town	...	,, 2·00 ,,

36. *Kuttanad Water Supply.*—A provision of Rs 35,000 has been included in the budget for 1113 for the purchase of necessary boring plant. It is proposed to provide a number of bore wells in the water-logged area in Kuttanad where there is no good potable water.

37. *Drainage Scheme.*—The construction works of the Drainage Scheme, Trivandrum, which was started in 1111 were in continuous progress during the year. The expenditure to the end of the year will amount to Rs 7·47 lakhs. A provision of Rs 7·50 lakhs has been made in the budget estimates for the next year for the scheme. The total cost of the scheme consisting of sewerage and sewage works and those required for the disposal of storm water for the prevention of flooding in the low lying areas, will, as estimated at present, be Rs 45·96 lakhs. The whole of the expenditure will be financed by Government. The Municipal Council, Trivandrum will pay from the beginning of the year 1115 drainage contribution of Rs 75,000 and of Rs 1 lakh after two years when the whole scheme is completed.

38. *General.*—Due to the expanding activities of the Water Works and Drainage Department, separate divisions have been formed under Executive Engineers and placed under the control of the Chief Engineer for Water Works. Provision has been made accordingly in the budget estimates for 1113.

39. *Town Planning Scheme.*—The expenditure on the scheme to end of the year will stand at Rs 11·64 lakhs. The scheme of Town planning based on the Thampanoor Valley improvement will not be proceeded with. The work of Mr. Krumbiegel in connection with the Town Planning Scheme, Trivandrum, has also been suspended. A provision of Rs 3·90 lakhs has been made in the budget estimates for 1113 on account of the scheme in respect of the beach area and other works which may be brought under the Town Planning Scheme during the next year.

40. *Council Chamber.*—The construction of the Council Chamber, North Wing, is in progress, and is expected to be completed in 1113. The expenditure to the end of the year on this work will be Rs 1·20 lakhs and a provision of Rs 1·75 lakhs has been made in the budget estimates for the next year.

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